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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in the Dominican Republic
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Inter-American troops in Santo Domingo came under moderate to heavy rebel fire again yesterday and last night as evidence continues to mount that hard-line extremists have increased their influence in the rebel movement.

Total US casualties in the two days since the rebels initiated their stepped up firing are three dead and 37 wounded. Five members of the Brazilian contingent have also been wounded.

During the day yesterday, US troops consolidated their newly gained positions in the expanded OAS-controlled corridor and in the area of the power plant on the west bank of the Ozama River.

Rebel leader Caamano claimed during a press conference yesterday that 67 persons in rebel territory had been killed and 165 wounded during the two days. Caamano and other rebel leaders charged the US with "indiscriminate bombardment," expressed their determination to continue the struggle, and indicated that there will be no compromise in their basic demands.

The rebel radio continued yesterday its inflammatory allegations against the US "occupation forces," charging them with "renewed inhuman acts of violence," and repeating the slogan "death to the Yankee troops." The thrust of the rebel propaganda now is that the Organization of American States, and principally the United States, is the main enemy. This is the line that has been promoted by the hard-line Communist-led Fourteenth of June Political Group (APCJ) [REDACTED]

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There are some divisions reportedly aggravating the differences among the three Communist parties. The Moscow-oriented Dominican Popular Socialist Party (PSPD), which has usually been the most cautious of the three parties, is said to be under fire from the hard-line groups--the Fourteenth of June Political Group (APCJ) and the Dominican Popular Movement (MPD).

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In general, it appears that the PSPD members have grown progressively more discouraged and less willing to take action in recent weeks, while the APCJ and the MPD have grown more militant.

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